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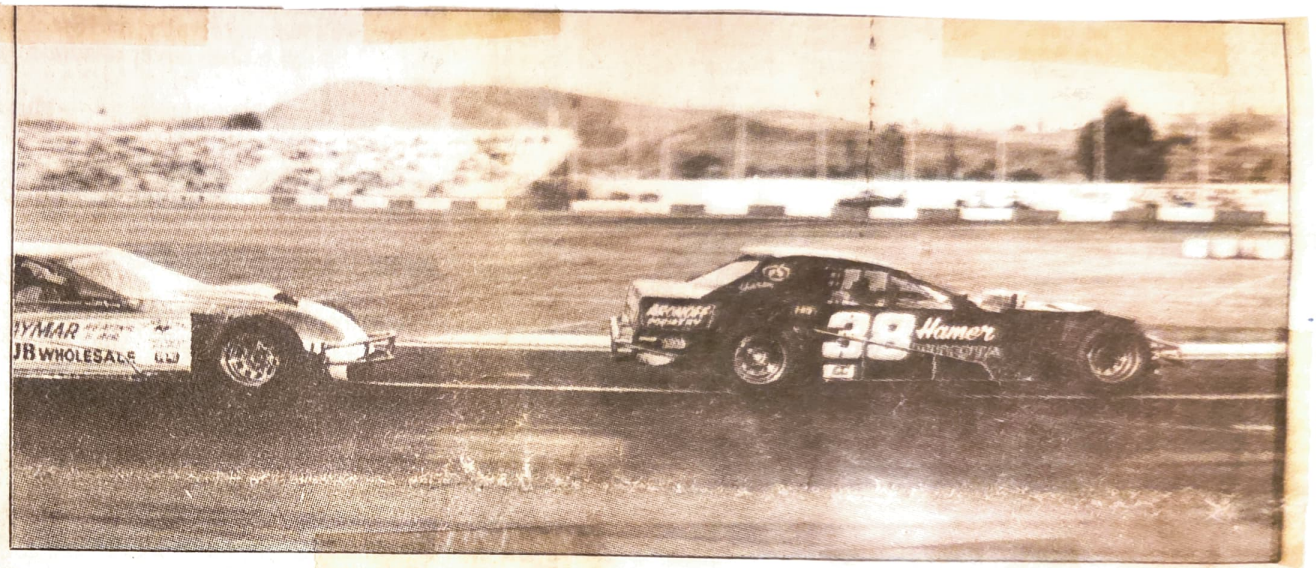

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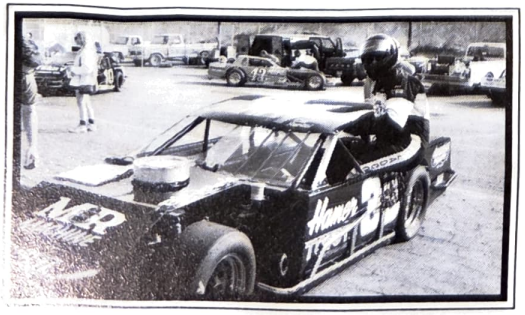

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Now at age 31, Crow is sneaking past cars on the Grand American Modified circuit at Saugus Speedway and few can stop him.

The Canyon High graduate earned his first feature win two weeks ago to go along with his five heat victories. Crow, who still lives in Canyon Country, has vaulted into the top 10 at No. 7 after starting the season in unimpressive fashion.

"I'm just now getting it figured out," said Crow who has run almost every class of car at Saugus Speedway since 1986. This is his rookie season racing Grand American Modified cars.

He started racing Jalopes in 1986 and transferred to Hobby Stocks in 1987, where he finished second in points.

Then he ran Street Stocks, winning rookie of the year honors in 1988 and he finished sixth in points in 1989. He moved to Pro Stock in 1990 and then to the Sportsman class for part of the 1991 season.

"I didn't care for that," Crow said of the Sportsman class, which will be eliminated next season. "It costs too much money for these guys to race (in the Sportsman class). They rip up their equipment."

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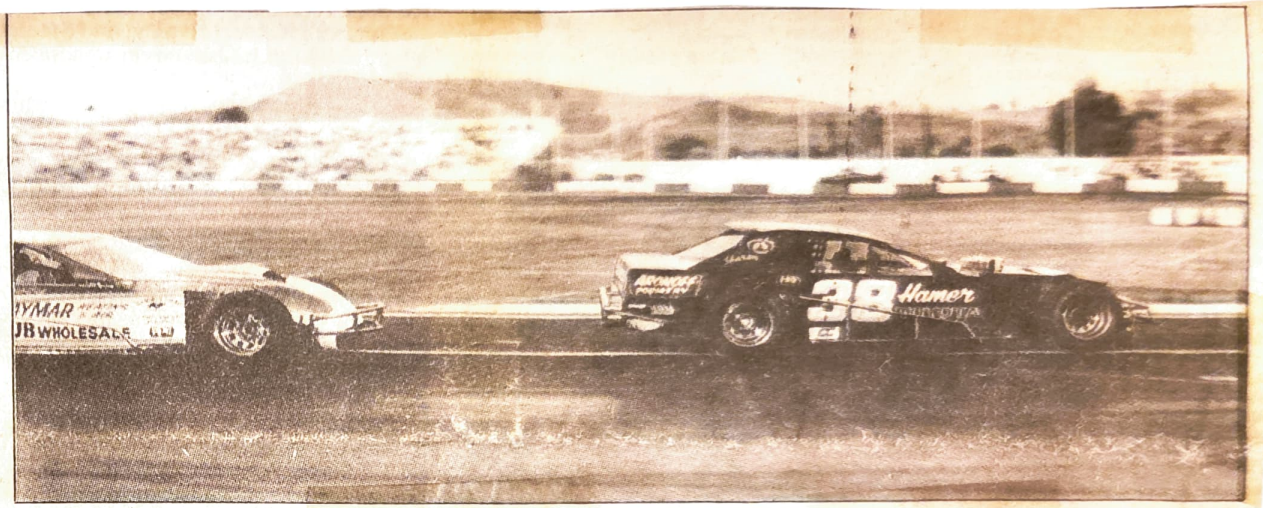

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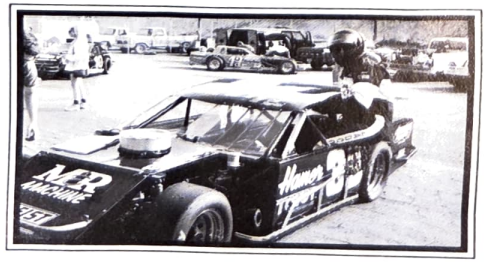

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